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Applicant: Hans-Peter BURVENICH et al.

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A THIN SLAB CONTINUOUS CASTING INSTALLATION

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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed November 5, 2002, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

**It is noted that the amendments presented on the following pages comply with the "Revised Amendment Format" as set forth in the Official Gazette Notice dated February 25, 2003. Therefore, according to the Notice, the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.121 (a)-(d) should thus be waived.**

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this Amendment.